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Dear Julian:

I have recently received a stimulating briefing by several members of The Futures Group [redacted]

[redacted] The briefing concerned the results of some work for TTAC they have recently completed that developed quantitative measures of jet engine technology, and compared Soviet rates of progress to U.S. progress in jet engine technology.

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I was much impressed with their approach and with the results obtained. I believe this is the type of work we ought to be sponsoring in order to gain a better understanding of trends in relative US/USSR technology. Results like I was shown could be used in NIE 11-12. They are also useful for assessing the impact of technology transfer on Soviet technology. I would hope that the Agency would continue to support this type of research.

I recommend you hear the briefing, if you are not already familiar with this work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul", is located below the word "Sincerely,".

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